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### WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b>		<b>REPLY DUE</b> within <b>TWO</b> months from the above date of mailing
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<b>Applicant</b> DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS INC.		

1. This written opinion is the <u>first</u> (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.	
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the opinion</li> <li>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</li> <li>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability</li> <li>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</li> <li>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</li> <li>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</li> <li>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</li> <li>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</li> </ul>	
3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion. <p><b>When?</b> See the time limit indicated above. <del>The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).</del></p> <p><b>How?</b> By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.5 and 66.9.</p> <p><b>Also</b> For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.          For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.          For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.</p> <p><b>If no reply is filed</b>, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.</p>	
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 66.2 is: <u>25 OCTOBER 2001</u>	

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